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SIR:

In response to the Final Office Action dated December 11, 2000, please
consider the following amendments and remarks.

IN THE CLAIMS

Please cancel claims 1-9 and 13-19.

REMARKS

The Examiner withdrew claims 1-9 and 11-21 from consideration as being
directed to a non-elected invention. On March 16, 2001, the Examiner required
restriction to one of the following claim groups: Group I - claims 1-9; Group II -
claims 10-12, and claims 13-19. On May 16, 2001, Applicants provisionally elected
to prosecute claims of Group II. Applicants hereby affirm this election without
prejudice to the filing of those claims in a divisional application(s).

Claims 20-21 were subsequently added by way of the amendment filed
September 29, 2000. During a telephone conference with Examiner Kim on March
12, 2001, the Examiner acknowledged that claims 20-21 properly remain in